Transfer of fund allocation power to AICTE

3835. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to transfer the power of fund allocation from National Institute of Technology to All India Council for Technical Education;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any provision exists in the Memorandum of Association of NITs for transferring the fund allocation; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that AICTE is a statutory body and it is able to allocate funds impartially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. National Institutes of Technology (NITs) have been brought under the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for disbursement of Plan and Non-Plan grants. This arrangement has been made due to the following reasons:

(i) AICTE is a statutory body set up under this Ministry with a view to proper planning, coordination and development of technical education system in the Country; and

(ii) AICTE being an expert body in the area of Technical Education, the needs of the NITs would be better appreciated and quick decisions could be taken for smooth and efficient functioning of NITs.

The Memorandum of Association of NITs provide for what constitutes the funds of the Institute. There is no provision for transferring the fund allocation.

All India Council for Technical Education is a statutory body and is able to allocate funds impartially.